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## Last Day's Proceedings

**Of the Great Cotton Association--President Smith, of the South Carolina Division, to Organize the Various States--Important Recommendations of Committees Adopted.**

New Orleans, La., January 13.—The Southern Cotton Association completed its labors with its afternoon session and adjourned without day. Declaring the adjournment, President Jordan congratulated the Convention on the successful way in which it had performed its work. The new executive committee will meet here next week and arrange to carry out the various recommendations which have been made by the Convention. It will probably be in session for two or three days.

At the opening of the afternoon session Chairman W. D. Nesbitt presented the report of the committee on ware houses. It recommended the extension and improvement of the present ware house system by improving the physical character and fire protection features of all ware houses; building of large fire proof ware houses in commercial centres, which ware houses may be tributary; a design for a standard ware house suited for railway stations and small towns; the education of the people in the great advantages of the ware house and credit system based on ware house receipts; encouragement by the officers of the Association of ware house building and a combination by local ware house companies and formation of a grading and guarantee company to issue uniform guaranteed receipts on cotton in ware house that will adopt proper methods and give proper security. The resolution was adopted.

Chairman Hanneck reported for the finance committee. It provided for dues of ten cents per bale, allowing 20 per cent to the national fund, 30 per cent to the state fund and the remainder to the county fund. The executive committee was requested to employ the Hon. E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, as national organizer to more completely organize the various States, his salary to be fixed by the committee. The report was adopted.

Chairman Fred J. Mayer, of the resolutions committee, reported an endorsement of the Overman bill now before the Senate for the appointment of a commission in connection with the development of the cotton trade in new markets. The report was adopted.

A resolution by M. V. Calvin, of Georgia, was adopted, instructing the executive committee to publish for distribu-

tion 10,000 copies of the proceedings of the Convention.

W. P. Shinault, of Mississippi, chairman of the committee on acreage reduction, reported favoring the reduction of acreage 25 per cent from that planted in 1904. As there were planted 32,000,000 acres of cotton in 1904, this would mean that the Southern Cotton Association is in favor of planting but 24,000,000 acres of cotton this year. The report was unanimously adopted.

The Hon. Temple Graves, of Atlanta, Ga., was then introduced.

A resolution by John D. Walker was adopted that all holders of spot cotton be requested and the Southern Cotton Association to sign a binding pledge to sell their cotton at 15 cents a pound, if through the efforts of the Association it reaches that price.

## Shooting at Jefferson

**Dan Dawson Shot Saturday in Difficulty with Theodore Blackwell.**

A serious difficulty occurred at Jefferson, Chesterfield county, last Saturday, between Mr. Theodore Blackwell, of the firm of Ingram, Blackwell & Co., and Mr. Dan Dawson, who works at a saw mill near Jefferson. Dawson was shot by Blackwell, but it is thought that he will recover. It is stated that Mr. Blackwell's coat was cut in several places during the fight, which was started by one of the parties stepping on the toes of the other.

## Weather Forecasts by Belair's Prophet.

We have received the following forecast of the weather for 1906 by Mr. P. R. Collins, of Belair:

January—Cloudy and some rain.

February—First cloudy and some rain to the last of Feb. cloudy and some rain.

March—First of March will be dry, and the last of March will be cloudy and some rain.

April—Will be cloudy and windy, and some rain.

May—First of May will be little rain. Last will be cloudy and some rain.

June—Will be wet and pretty windy.

July—First of July will be some rain. Last of July will be cloudy and some rain.

August—First of Aug. will be cloudy and some rain and the last will be tolerably dry.

September—Tolerably wet throughout.

October—First of Oct. will be wet and the last will be cloudy, and some rain.

November—Cloudy and little rain.

December—Dry and some rain.

P. R. Collins.

## The General Assembly.

**Interesting Letter from Representative Hamel--What the Legislature has Done this Week.**

[Intended for last Saturday's issue]

Editor Lancaster News:

Promptly at the hour of high noon on Tuesday last the present session of the legislature was convened. Senator Hough and Representative Foster and myself were all on hand to respond to the first roll call. There was a very good attendance for the first day's session and the legislature went right down to work from the very start.

One of the first measures to pass was a concurrent resolution offered simultaneously in the House by Representative Richards of Kershaw county, and in the Senate by Senator Hough, of Lancaster. Its purpose was to permit the introduction of a bill granting a special charter to the Southern Granite Co., of Lancaster county, to build and operate a railroad from Heath Springs to Magill. I apprehend no difficulty whatever in the passage of the Bill to grant the charter.

A matter of general interest to the state was a bill by Mr. Ardery, of York county, providing for the sale of the State farms, but the legislature took the position that the farming by the State was not in competition with farmers, as the crops produced there could not affect the markets in the slightest degree. But, on the other hand, they would contribute materially to the maintenance of the convicts and put a surplus in the treasury for general use, adding to the enrichment of the State that much and providing healthful employment to convicted criminals. The bill was therefore killed.

The bill of your correspondent, providing for the transportation of criminals under sentence of capital punishment to the penitentiary for safe keeping, was killed. The bill we believe had merit in it, as it contemplated the future establishment of some system of a more humane execution of criminals than the present barbaric practice of hanging.

Another bill by your correspondent, which meets with a great deal of favor, providing for the stamping on every bag of fertilizers the quantity of each ingredient in avoirdupois, was recommended to the judiciary committee for some correction.

The House is moving rapidly and other bills of local or minor importance are being passed or marching bravely to their death. The weightier matters have not yet appeared in tangible form, but they will bob up serenely in due time and there will be hard fighting in consequence of their coming.

The candidates for various offices are making their presence

felt in the hearty handshake and warm words of greeting. There are several candidates for positions as dispensary and penitentiary directors. But no one so far has appeared to oppose the present chairman of Dispensary directors, "Hub" Evans, for that position. No one seems to know just where the dispensary is "at" and, consequently, it may be too early to undertake to forecast what will be done with it. There seems to be a general waiting on the action of the Supreme Court with reference to the case now before it involving the constitutionality of the Brice law.

Senator Tillman was on the floor of the House a short time this morning shaking hands with his "numerous friends."

Your representatives will endeavor to keep your readers informed through each issue of The News of the work of the legislature. The undersigned will write for the Saturday's issue and Mr. Foster for the Wednesday issue.

J. W. Hamel.

## Skull Broken.

**Mr. Bob Bogan Struck in the Head With a Hammer by Mr. George Barnhill, in Difficulty Saturday--Wounded Man Now in Chester Hospital--His Recovery Doubtful.**

A difficulty occurred last Saturday afternoon at the machine shops of the Lancaster Cotton Mills between Mr. George Barnhill, who works in the shop, and Messrs Bob and Henry Bogan, brothers, in which Bob Bogan was seriously, if not fatally, hurt.

As far as can be learned, it appears that the trouble was due to Mr. Barnhill's calling the attention of the Bogan brothers to the fact that it is against the rules of the company for any drinking to be done in the shops, which was resented by the brothers.

They started, it is said, to attack Mr. Barnhill, one of them having a knife, when he called on Mr. Dave Hardin, who was present, to stop them. Mr. Hardin seized one of the men, Henry, but the other brother, Bob, continued to advance on Mr. Barnhill, who backed up into a corner, and having retreated as far as he could, he struck his assailant on the head with a hammer, crushing his skull.

Immediately after the difficulty Mr. Barnhill came up town and surrendered, being placed in jail. The wounded man was promptly attended by Drs. Crawford and Brown, who had been sent for. Saturday night Mr. Bogan was taken on a motor car to Chester to the Pryor hospital, Dr. Brown and others accompanying him. While his condition is critical, there is a chance of his recovery.

## An Eloquent Appeal

**By the King's Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution to the Patriotic Citizens of South Carolina to Join in a Movement to Place a Statue of Calhoun in National Statuary Hall--Legislature Asked to Make Appropriation for the Purpose.**

To the Editor of The News:

We the undersigned, representing the King's M. Chapter D. A. R. Yorkville, S. C., wish to call your attention, and that of your readers, to a work which we beg your cordial help and cooperation. It has been a source of regret and mortification that South Carolina has no representative in the National Statuary Hall of the Capitol at Washington. This statuary room was the old Hall of Representatives, it was the scene of the debates of Webster and Clay, Adams, Calhoun and others whose names are indelibly associated with the history of Congress. In 1864 at the suggestion of Senator Morrill of Vermont, the room was set apart as a National Statuary Hall, to which each state might send the effigies of her chosen sons in marble or bronze to be placed permanently here. "No South Carolinian ever views those stately statues erected by practically all the states of the Union, in memory of their 'chosen sons,' without wondering why our own place has been so long empty, and wishing that we, too, could point with pride to a representative occupying the place allotted to South Carolina.

The King's M-Chapter is desirous of starting a movement to remedy this long-standing neglect. We have written to every woman's organization in the state, asking them to join us in petitioning the legislature to appropriate at this present session the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a statue of John Calhoun in the National Statuary Hall in Washington.

We regard Calhoun as South Carolina's most representative man, he was for forty years the most conspicuous and influential figure in national politics; he was Representative, Senator, Secretary of War, Secretary of State and Vice President. We do hope you will give us your support and help in this work. We want through your paper, to appeal to every South Carolinian, man or woman, to honor this draft up of his or her patriotism, and bid them to respond to the effort we are making to have our beloved State take her rightful place in the Hall of the Nation. We shall be exceedingly obliged if you will give this letter a place in the columns of your paper.

Very respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Virginia Mason Bratton,  
Miss Maggie A. Gist  
Miss Leslie D. Witherspoon  
Mrs. S. M. McNeel,  
Mrs. G. H. O'Leary,  
Mrs. Walter B. Moore.

Regent,  
Yorkville, S. C., Jan. 10th.